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1. A document management method comprising:
presenting a paper sheet to an optical sensor, the sensor producing scan data comprising document image
5 data, the paper sheet having an optically-detectable indicia thereon, the indicia being machine readable but not
generally intelligible to a human viewer thereof;

processing the document image data to decode binary identification data represented by said indicia;
storing said document image data in a data store, wherein the document image data can thereafter be
accessed from the data store by use of said binary identification data;

10 wherein a single scan of said paper sheet permits acquisition of both an image of the sheet for archiving,
and identification data by which the stored image data can later be recalled.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the paper sheet comprises an adhesive note having the indicia on one
side thereof, and a tacky adhesive on the other side thereof.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the adhesive note is a Post-It brand note.

4. The method of claim 1 that further includes:
providing identification data;
using said identification data to access the data store; and
20 displaying data corresponding to said paper sheet on a computer screen.

5. The method of claim 1 that further includes:
presenting a paper sheet to an optical sensor;
25 processing the document image data thereby produced to decode binary identification data; and
using the identification data thereby obtained to access the data store and present data corresponding to
the earlier-scanned paper sheet on the computer screen.

6. The method of claim 4 wherein the displayed data comprises an image of said earlier-scanned paper
30 sheet.

7. The method of claim 4 that includes presenting data corresponding to plural different paper sheets on a
computer screen in response to the provision of identification data corresponding to a single paper sheet.

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8. The method of claim 1 wherein the identification data represented by the indicia comprises between 20 and 64 bits of binary information.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the indicia comprises a steganographic watermark.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein the indicia is formed on said sheet by ink-jet printing.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the optical sensor comprises an array of plural photosensor elements.

12. A method comprising:
presenting an adhesive sticker to an optical sensor, the sensor producing scan data, the sticker having an optically-detectable, machine readable indicia thereon;
decoding the scan data to produce binary data corresponding to said indicia; and
displaying on a computer screen document data associated with said binary data.

13. The method of claim 12 in which the adhesive sticker is a Post-It brand note.

14. The method of claim 12 in which said document data comprises a document image.

15. The method of claim 14 that includes decompressing a file for display on said computer screen.

16. The method of claim 12 that includes displaying on said screen document data associated with several different documents.

17. The method of claim 12 wherein said indicia represents between 20 and 64 bits of binary data.

18. A sheet of note-paper, the sheet having tacky adhesive on one side thereof, the sheet further having an optically-detectable indicia thereon, said indicia being machine-readable but not generally intelligible to a human viewer thereof.

19. A pad of Post-It brand notes comprising plural sheets according to claim 18.

20. A sheet according to claim 18 wherein the indicia is a steganographic digital watermark.

21. A sheet according to claim 18 wherein the indicia is a bar code.

22. A sheet according to claim 18 wherein the indicia represents a binary payload, said payload having a length of between 20 and 64 bits.

5 23. A sheet according to claim 18 wherein the indicia is formed by printing.

24. A sheet according to claim 23 wherein the indicia is formed by ink-jet printing.

25. A sheet according to claim 18 wherein the indicia is formed by texturing.

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